

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD-CONSERVATION-ENERGY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review the implementation of the Horticulture and Organic Agriculture Title of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Rayne Pegg, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

DISCUSSION DRAFT—INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of October 1, 2009 Discussion Draft of the Investor Protection Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3817, To provide the Securities and Exchange Commission with additional authorities to protect investors from violations of the securities laws).

Will continue November 3.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2194, Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009.

MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on A Regional Overview of the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

FOOTBALL HEAD INJURIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Legal Issues Relating to Football Head Injuries. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; Roger Goodell, Commissioner, National Football League; DeMaurice Smith, Executive Director, NFL Players Association; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2213, as amended, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 2888, as amended, Devils's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 2781, as amended, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 86, as, amended, To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consist-

ency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; and H.R. 118, To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Executive Compensation: How Much is Too Much?" Testimony was heard from Kenneth R. Feinberg, Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dicks and Simpson.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3854, the "Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009". The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled